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FIELD HOCKEY, THE THING

Basketball, Queen of the "Gym," Is Deposed, and Hundreds of Girls, Lured by Joy of Playing in Open, Are Taking to Hockey.

The game of the hour is field hockey. Basketball, queen of the "gym," is deposed, and hockey reigns in her place, not in the "gym," but on the sunny lawns of Central Park. More than one thousand girls from the public high schools are devotees of the new sport, and the classes are growing so fast that recently there had to be established a school for hockey coaches. Miss Elizabeth Burchinal, director of the girls' branch of the Public Schools Athletic League, discovered that there was nobody at hand to coach the clamorous squads of fifteen-year-olds who swept up and down the hockey fields, blissfully ignorant of the rules of the game. Now, the rules are everything in hockey. Direful fate awaits any who disregard them. So Miss Burchinal issued a call to teachers. "Come and learn to coach our hockey teams," she begged. They came—dozens of them. Each afternoon for two weeks they practiced on the green in Central Park until there was not a trick, not a coup d'état they had not at their stick's end. Since then the school teams have multiplied with the increasing briskness of the October days, until now there are

twelve hundred girls, from twelve high schools, playing in the parks. In Central Park the hockey field is at 16th street and Central Park West, and here come daily bloomer clad squads from Wadleigh, Washington, Irving, Julia Richmond and Morris High schools. Brooklyn girls from Erasmus Hall, Girls' High, and Manual Training high schools play in Prospect Park.

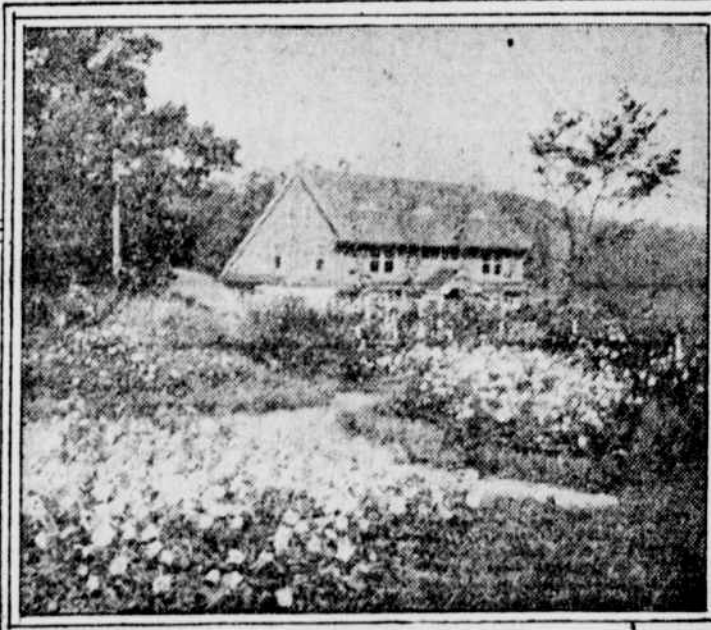
Barnard College, Teachers College and most of the girls private schools have hockey teams, too. The game is comparatively new in this country, though the girls of England have long been devoted to hockey as their brothers are to cricket. It is just three years since the Public Schools Athletic League adopted the game. Basketball was then the favorite of the high school girls, who found in its strenuous dashes an outlet to their bottled-up energies.

The reason for the dropping of basketball from their affection and the fickle change to hockey Miss Burchinal says is easily traced to the fact that hockey is played out of doors.

"Anything that takes them away from the school building and out into the sparkling October sunshine," she said, "is bound to be popular. They love to go to the parks, and, of course, we encourage it. City girls are out of doors so little at best, what with riding to school in the subway and living in apartment houses, with no gardens to sit in after school hours as country girls do. Basketball is played in the gymnasium."

"Another reason for the popularity of hockey is that it permits more girls to play. There are twenty-two in the game, instead of twelve, as in basketball. That means that finer team work is necessary. It gives the girls that discipline in co-operation that is so important a part of organized games. When a girl has learned to sacrifice her own opportunity to make a brilliant but hazardous play, in order to make the unobscured but safe play for the good of the team, she has learned something that will go with her through life."

"From the point of view of the physical directors, hockey has the advantage of inducing more girls to play. We do not permit inter-school games, but we have inter-class games. That brings out more than one hundred girls in each school, you see. If we permitted inter-school games it would mean there would be one team and a scrub team in each school, and all the other girls, instead of getting in the game would stand around and watch the crack players. No, we aren't training crack players. We are developing girls—all we can get of 'em."



DR. SHAW IN HER HOME SURROUNDINGS.

DR. ANNA HOWARD SHAW AT HOME

Known All Over the Country as the Most Vigorous Suffrage Orator and Worker, She Nevertheless Finds Time to Lead a Tranquil Domestic Life Among Her Beloved Trees and Flowers.

Some of the most famous trees in the Forest of Arden come from Europe, but there is a noteworthy one from the State of Michigan. Dr. Shaw named it Martha, after the wife of the man who gave it to her, but it appeared about to die, so she thought she might as well name it for the man himself, Melville, and she did. Melville perked up and is now flourishing, but Dr. Shaw was too just to change the name again.

Sitting at her desk at the "National" headquarters last Wednesday, hatted and coated ready to start out through the pouring rain for a four days' speaking tour in Connecticut, Dr. Shaw talked about her home in the Pennsylvania forests.

"I had noticed," she said, "that men and women in public life often seemed, when they grew old and could no longer do much, to feel neglected, 'out of it,' and, therefore, unhappy. I resolved that I would not grow old unhappy, that I would keep to the end the cheerful disposition which has been my mainstay through life. I resolved that I would build a home to which I could retire when I could no longer travel about—that while still active I would make that home a place rich in personal values."

"Years ago I had a home on Cape Cod. That was in the days of that group of reformers to which the Garrisons and Mrs. Elizabeth Buffon Chase and such people belonged, and we used to gather on my broad tea porch and have, oh, such delightful talks! We had clam feasts and feasts of reason; those were stirring days. But Cape Cod was too far away for me, so I gave up that place, and seven years ago bought nine acres at Moylan, Penn., and built my house."

"It is in the Colonial style, of stone. Miss Anthony and I have been adding some improvements—a new stone entrance and a sun parlor, where we can sleep outdoors. About the house we have cleared away the trees, leaving only four big ones there. In another clearing we have a fine orchard. But mostly the nine acres are left as they came, and the wooded hills remind me much of the Alps. There is a little brown chalet in sight of my windows—it is really a bungalow,

built by a man to whom I sold an acre; but it looks just like the Swiss chalets and adds to the Alpine effect."

"To the outdoor life I live there I attribute much of my good health. I can swing an axe as well as a man and have felled many a tree. I learned that as a girl in Michigan, when I used to stand side by side with my father and 'heart' logs, as they called it there."

"I remember," Dr. Shaw went on, with a chuckle, "when I was cutting a tree down at Alnwick—a dead tree; I never touch live ones—a man who was passing stopped to watch me. He was a nice man, and he was distressed that a lady should be doing such vigorous work. He

insisted on taking my place. Well, he couldn't make that axe hit the right place. He didn't hold the handle right, he didn't swing it right, and after two or three attempts he gave it back to me and went his way, a sadder and a wiser man."

"I have only one sorrowful moment at Alnwick," added the white-haired leader of the "National," as she got up to start off on her Connecticut trip. "That is when I wake up Monday mornings and look out at the trees and know that I must catch the 8 o'clock train for New York. But when I arrive at Alnwick—then is my happy hour. I have a suit of blue denims—the neighbors wouldn't know me in anything else—and before

I've reached the gate I'm unfastening my street clothes, I'm so eager to get into those blue denims. Bloomers?—no; but the skirt is short. It is a joy to work in those denims."

Last summer Dr. Shaw built a garage. She hopes some time to have a little automobile. At present the garage is occupied by about a ton of suffrage histories and "Susan B. Anthony's Life," and by the little red wagon which friends of Dr.

Shaw gave her one Christmas. Till the garage was built she kept it under the porch, and when she wasn't trundling it about the place in her garden work.

There are many other things to describe about Alnwick, but one thing must not be left out—the stream that flows below the house, within sight of the windows. Oh, and the joy of neighboring farmer boys, a clean pool where Dr. Shaw lets them come and swim!

INTERESTING WORK SCHEDULED FOR WOMEN'S CLUBS

To get women appointed on every state board and municipal board where women are eligible is the special thing for which the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs, \$9,000 strong, will work this winter, if Miss Florence Guernsey, its president, has her way.

"I don't believe women are eager to hold office," Miss Guernsey said the other day. "It will be a long while after we get the vote, I think, before women become ambitious to run for the big offices, at least. But women can serve on the boards of our institutions, and they are needed there. The federation will throw all the influence it has toward inducing New York's executive to appoint a goodly proportion of women."

"I have always felt this important," Miss Guernsey went on, "perhaps because my mother was the first woman ever appointed to serve on the board of the House of Refuge. She was appointed in 1881, by Governor Cornell, and great was the honor when she went with the men of the board to select a site for the House of Refuge, then to be built."

The West End Woman's Republican Association will hold its first meeting for the season on Thursday afternoon, October 9, at the Hotel Astor. Miss Mary Wood, the newly elected president, will be

installed by the retiring president, Mrs. Augustine J. Wilson. There will be informal speaking, and Miss Wood will outline the policy of the club for the ensuing year. The fusion ticket will be discussed and the members asked to use their influence in its behalf.

A meeting of the First Judicial District of the State Federation of Women's Clubs (Mrs. Thomas Slack, chairman) will be held at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at No. 59 West 113th street. Members of federated clubs are invited to be present.

The Post Parliament will begin a season of much promise with a meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday, October 10. This club, which stands for parliamentary law, is also noted for its debates. The subject for the first meeting will be "Current Events," with the president, Mrs. John Fowler Trow, acting chairman. Meetings are called to order promptly at 11 a. m. and guests are admitted at 11:30. No one can be the guest of the Post Parliament more than once during the year.

The New York Browning Society (Miss Florence Wier Gibson, president) will open its session of 1913-14 on Wednesday, October 8, at the Waldorf-Astoria. A short business meeting will begin at 2 o'clock, and at 2:30 there will be a pro-

gramme in charge of Mrs. Gabrielle Stewart Mulliner as chairman. The poem for study, "The Flight of the Duchess," will be read by Henry Gaines Hawn. Mrs. Bern Budd Gallaudet will have for her subject "Browning as a Nature Lover," Mrs. Miles M. Dawson "I Inherit a Chain," and Mrs. N. Archibald Shaw "If She Had Staid." The programme will close with a general discussion, in which members and guests are invited to participate.

The Society of New York State Women (Mrs. Gerard Bancker, president) will hold

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its first meeting of the season at the Waldorf-Astoria on Thursday, October 2. The business meeting will begin at 2:30 and guests will be admitted at 3:20. This will be Patriots' Day, and Mrs. William R. Stewart, chairman of the day, has arranged the programme.

The United Theatrical Association (Mrs. Belle de Rivera, president) will hold the first members' meeting of the season at the Hotel Astor Friday, October 10, at 2:30 o'clock. Richard A. Purdy, first vice-president of the association, will give a lecture on "Julius Caesar." Each member is allowed to invite two guests to this meeting. Many of the Shakespearean clubs are already members of the association and the others will be guests.

The Daily Food Alliance Club (Mrs. Charles D. Hirst, president) will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday morning, October 7, at the Hotel Astor.

The New York Theatre Club (Mrs. Belle de Rivera, president) will hold its first meeting of the season on Tuesday at the Hotel Astor. The subject of discussion will be "The Dramatic Outlook for the Coming Year." Miss Edith A. Reiffert will act as chairman. Through the courtesy of Winthrop Ames the club has been invited to attend the performance



New York Public School Teachers' Hockey Class Receiving Instructions from Miss Burchinal, Head of P.S. Athletic League. The Misses Mc Donald, Ryan, Wicks, Greenberg, Robertson, Totten, Matzner, Van Duren. Sitting, left to right, The Misses Quin, Pero and Randolph.